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Employee Suggestion - [REDACTED]

No. 128

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A. Information about the Suggestor:

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B. Summary of the Suggestion:

The use of Punched Tape for Air-Pouch Messages.

C. Proposed Method:

Preparing Air-Pouch Messages on "Flexowriters", or similar machines and mailing the perforated tapes to the addressees. At the destination, a message blank, with copies and carbons, would be placed in the carriage of the machine, the tape inserted, and a duplicate of the original message produced.

D. Evaluation:

The Cable Secretary prepared the following evaluation:

(1) During May, June, & July of 1952, the Office of Communications exchanged experimental Pouchgrams with an overseas installation. The results of these experiments were not wholly encouraging.

(2) The principal deterrent to implementation of the suggested Pouchgram service has been the determination of the precise mechanics of operation of the system.

(3) The reasons for tentatively rejecting "Flexowriter" were:

- a. Equipment investment would be large.
- b. Repair and maintenance would be a problem at field installations.
- c. Virtually the same results could be obtained by using teletype equipment which is already in operation at most stations that might be involved.

The Office of Communications concurs in the above evaluation.

E. Note:

Rejection of this suggestion appears to be indicated by the foregoing comments. A commendatory letter seems warranted in view of the constructive thinking and the initiative shown by the suggestor.

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